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NOTES AND REVIEWS

Deductions from The World War. By BARON VON (LIEUT-GEN.) FREYTAG-LORINGHOVEN. London, Constable and Company. 1918. 176 pp.

Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven is the most distinguished soldier-writer of Prussia. He has been connected with the Prussian military machine since a young man and is now Quarter-master-General in the field. His book was written for German consumption, and its export was prohibited. He uses not only the present World War, but also the Franco-Prussian War, the American Revolution, the French Revolution, the American Civil War and the Russo-Japanese War from which to deduct lessons for the benefit of future Germany. He urges the development of Germany along economic lines and the continuance of the submarine menace to insure Germany's rights upon the seas. He suggests further improvements along the line of technical science and mechanical devices to assist the great army that Germany must necessarily maintain "after the war." He would reorganize the entire German school system in order to give more attention to the art of war. He scorns the idea of universal peace, saying it would "be felt as an intolerable tutelage by any great and proud-spirited nation." "War has its basis in human nature, and as long as human nature remains unaltered, war will continue to exist, as it has existed already for thousands of years." "Eternal peace is a dream, and not even a beautiful dream." The pacifist ideals as represented in America could be brought about only by a spiritual transformation, "and how far we are from any such transformation has been revealed by the war." He maintains that only the German sword has succeeded in securing peace these forty years, a period scarcely equaled by any great nation, however he says: "We must not put might before right, but equally little shall we dispense with might. In the future, as in the past, the German people will have to seek firm cohesion in its glorious army and its belauded young fleet."

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